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April 7, 1959

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MEMORANDUM FOR: EUR - Mr. Kohler

SUBJECT: Status of Navy Actions
Relative to the Berlin
Crisis (C)

Mr. Murphy wished EUR to see
the attached document from the
Chief of Naval Operations. Although
Mr. Murphy did not mention it, I
assume he would wish EUR's comments
and suggestions, if any.

You may wish to show to S/P
also.

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Dwight J. Porter
Special Assistant

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WASHINGTON

4 April 1959

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*W. R. P. alt
G. P. alt
4/6/59*

Dear Mr. Murphy:

Admiral Burke has asked me to send you
the enclosed copy of a memorandum setting forth
the present status of Navy actions relative to the
Berlin crisis.

With great respect,

Harvey P. Lanham
HARVEY P. LANHAM

Captain, U.S. Navy

Exec. Asst. and Sr. Aide to CNO

The Honorable Robert Murphy
Deputy Under Secretary of State
Department of State

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TO : Chief of Naval Operations
Via: DCNO (Plans and Policy)
FROM : Director, Strategic Plans Division

DATE: Op-602D1/mf
Op-60 BM-000235-59
3 APR 1959

SUBJECT: Status of Navy Actions Relative to the Berlin Crisis (C)

1. The purpose of this memorandum report is to provide the Chief of Naval Operations with information on those actions that have been initiated within the Navy which bear directly on the Berlin crisis. Subsequent reports will be forwarded as significant developments occur.

2. Since the inception of the Berlin crisis, the following readiness measures by the Fleets have been planned or will be implemented when directed:

a. CINCLANTFLT

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(3) SECONDFLT conduct Intertype Exercise 1-59 commencing 20 May with 2 CVA, 1 CVS, 1 CLC, 1 CAG, 1 DL, 28 DD, 1 SSG, 2 SS, 6 AO, 2 AE, and 1 BJU Det.

b. CINCNELM

(1) One CVA group at sea during May operating South of 38N and East of 30 E.

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(3) Fleet Air, Eastern Atlantic and Mediterranean activate Suda Bay in early May for Patrol Squadron ASW exercises.

(4) SIXTHFLT to be at sea by 23 May and in Ionian Sea by 25 May.

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c. CINCPACFLT

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(2) Load WESTPAC Amphibious Force for Borneo Landing Exercise (Exercise SADDLE UP) on 18 May to include one Battalion Landing Team in air conditioned lift. Delay in return of Amphibious Squadron 7 is authorized.

(3) THETIS BAY sail to arrive Yokosuka about 15 May.

(4) Conduct Air Defense Exercise BLUE SKY with GRC during late May.

(5) Maximum number of SEVENTHFLT ships at sea during late May and reposition tenders at Kobe, Buckner Bay, and Taiwan.

(6) Conduct Exercise TWIN PEAKS in EASTPAC with PHIBRON 3 and 5 combat loaded, plus PRINCETON.

(7) EASTPAC CVAs to have air groups embarked and nuclear weapons loaded.

(8) Conduct FIRSTFLT exercises at sea with COMFIRSTFLT embarked.

/s/ C. D. GRIFFIN

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